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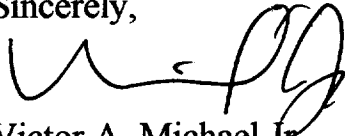
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Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Polson, Montana.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)

Table of Allotments

FM Broadcast Stations

(Polson, Montana)

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PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 259C3 (99.7 Mhz) to Polson, Montana as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 259C3 (99.7 Mhz) to Polson and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 259C3 to Polson will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Polson is located in north central Montana. It is also located within Lake County, a county of some 21,041 persons. Polson has a population of 3,283 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 259C3 to Polson will provide the first local FM broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Polson is located at Ronan, Montana. Ronan is located 13 kilometers from Polson.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Polson is presently without local FM service.

4. Polson would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no FM broadcast facilities within 13 Kilometers of Polson. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Polson area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 259C3 can be allotted to Polson and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Polson, Montana	-----	259C3

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 259C3 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 259C3 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 47 - 41' - 24", W. 114 - 09' - 18") are that of a site located within the community of Polson. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 259C3 to Polson. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Polson. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Polson would benefit from the allotment of channel 259C3. It has also been shown that channel 259C3 can be allotted to Polson and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 259C3 for Polson, Montana , 73.202.

8. Should channel 259C3 be allotted to Polson I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Polson, Montana.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: December 21, 1998

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 259C3 (99.7 MHz), at N. 47 41 24, W. 114 9 18.

Searching Channel 259C3 (99.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
KUFM	Missoula	MT	206	C	L	74.1	31.0	170.4°	43.1
KUFM	Missoula	MT	206	C	L	74.1	31.0	170.4°	43.1
K257BR	Polson	MT	257	D	L	1.6	0.0	146.0°	1.6
ALC	Helena	MT	258	C1	U	191.1	144.0	122.4°	47.1
KBLLFM	Helena	MT	258	C1	L	191.1	144.0	122.4°	47.1
ALC	Pullman	WA	258	C	V	241.5	176.0	242.1°	65.5
K259AD	Kalispell	MT	259	D	L	55.9	0.0	345.1°	55.9
ALC	Spokane	WA	260	C	U	223.1	176.0	276.6°	47.1
KXLYFM	Spokane	WA	260	C	L	223.1	176.0	276.6°	47.1
ALC	Missoula	MT	261	C1	U	99.7	76.0	172.0°	23.7
KZOQFM	Missoula	MT	261	C1	L	99.6	76.0	172.0°	23.6

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
POLSON, MONTANA
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING